

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the 2 parallel racks (19, 21) are arranged horizontally.

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the 2 parallel racks (42, 44) are arranged vertically.

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7. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claims 1 or 2, characterized in that two parallel racks (19, 21, 42, 44) or the like act jointly on drive gears (22, 23, 45) such that it is possible to set a lifting and/or lowering movement of a carrying slide (36, 51, 53).

8. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the gearwheels (22, 23, 45, 46) connected to one another via a common shaft (38, 47) are mounted in the slide (36, 51), and in that the gearwheel (22, 45) is fastened at one end of the shaft (38, 47) and gearwheel (23, 46) is fastened at the other end of the shaft (38, 47).

9. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the crossmember (25) is arranged pivotably and the drive (26) for the pivoting movement is fastened on the slide (36, 53).

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11. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] any one of claims 1, 2 or 10, characterized in that the rack-gearwheel drive is replaced by a spindle drive with threaded spindle and step-down gear mechanism or toothed-belt drive with toothed-belt pulley.

12. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] any one of claims 1, 2 or 10, characterized in that movement-transmission means (49) is a toothed belt (49) with deflecting rollers (50), and the toothed belt (49) is firmly connected to vertical slide (51) via a fixed point (52) and to horizontal slide (53) via a fixed point (54).